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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, \$1,500,000 Dollars.

COUNT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—The Hon. W. KERRICK.

Deputy Chairman—A. McIVER, Esq.

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E. H. BELLISS, Esq. H. HOPPIUS, Esq.

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W. S. YOUNG, Esq.

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Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, April 28, 1880.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE Have This Day entered into PARTNERSHIP AS SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS, under the Style of "CHATER & VARNON."

CHAS. C. COHEN, ERICH GEORG.

Hongkong, May 17, 1880.

NOTICE.

WE Have This Day entered into PARTNERSHIP AS SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS under the Style of "CHATER & VARNON."

CHAS. C. COHEN, ERICH GEORG.

Hongkong, May 17, 1880.

NOTICE.

M. R. C. STIEBEL has To-DAY been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm in Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.

REISS & Co.

Hongkong, May 1, 1880.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the New York Board of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents,

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879.

NOTICE.

Established in Calcutta 25th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$23,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$245,250.

RESERVE FUND, \$35,000.

HEAD OFFICE.—94, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS.—

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. HORNE BOYD, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, May 24, 1880.

COMPTOIR DESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNIZED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, \$3,200,000.

RESERVE FUND, \$300,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BENOIST, PARIS.

AGENTS and BRANCHES at:

LOUNGE, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,

MARSHALL, BONNAY, HONGKONG,

LAHORE, CALCUTTA, HANKOW,

SHANGHAI, YOCOGH.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits, and Terms to be ascertained on application, for Deposit and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEMENT, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

FOR SALE.

A. RAUTER T. M. A. Y. N. Z. DELICIOUS TABLE BEER.

AWARDED FIRST PRIZE, MEDAL,

STONY EXHIBITION.

SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 18, 1880.

NOW READY.

PRICE, \$1.00.

COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW,

By E. H. PARKER.

Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH at Shanghai and Hongkong, at LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, and at the China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 6, 1879.

FOR SALE.

N. MARINE Lot No. 65, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

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For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
HAVE JUST RECEIVED Ex-
"AMERICAN MAIL."

Codfish BALLS.
Pig's Head CHEESE.
Devilled HAM.
Compressed HAM.
CAVIARE.
California Golden SYRUP.

Merritt's OLDER.
Whitaker's HAMS.
COMB HONEY in Frame and
Bottle.
Very Fine Eastern CREAM
CHEESE.

Pickled OX-TONGUES.
Pickled PIG PORK.
Boneless CODFISH.
Salmon BELLYES.
MACKEREL.

Green TURTLE, 1lb. and 2lbs. Tuna.
Borden's Condensed MILK (very fresh).
California BISCUITS in Cask and Tins.
Ginger CAKES.

Milk BISCUITS.
Soda BISCUITS.
Wafer BISCUITS.
Alphabet BISCUITS.
Oyster BISCUITS.

CORNMEAL.
RYE MEAL.
HOMINY, Small and Large.
Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.

SHELLBACK,
PECAN, and
BARCELONA NUTS.

Canned Table Fruits.
Bartlett PEARS.
PEACHES.
GREENGAGES.

APRICOTS.
QUINCEES.
etc., etc.

Late Arrivals.
ROYAL BRISTOL GINGER ALE,
in Pint Bottles.

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S
HOUSEHOLD STORES.

JOHN MOE & Sons'
CELEBRATED PRESERVES.

CHOB'S PADLOCKS,
TILL LOCKS,
BOX LOCKS,
CUPBOARD LOCKS,
etc., etc.

American PADLOCKS, and
Builder's LOCKS.

JOSEPH RODGERS & Sons' Table
OUTLERY.

Combination Champagne KNIVES,
Pocket KNIVES,
SCISSORS,
RAZORS,
etc., etc.

BOSSEY'S PATENT PNEUMATIC GUN,
ALLUMINUM Gold PEN and PENCIL
CASES.

Billiard CHALK and CUE TIPS,
WELLINGTON's Knife POLISH.

PLATE POWDER.

Metallic TAPE LINES.

A Large Assortment of
FANCY and OFFICE
S T A T I O N E R Y.

Superfine Note PAPER, from 50 Cents per
Box, of 5 Quires.

ENVELOPES, from 20 Cents per Hundred.

FOOLSCAP.

Letter PAPER.

Blotting PAPER.

PRINTS.

INK, AND ALL OFFICE
E Q U I S I T E S .

N.B.—Our Papers and Envelopes are im-
ported direct from Manufactury, and
the quality for price is unsurpassed,
if not unequalled in Hongkong.

NOVELS! NOVELS!! NOVELS!!!

WORKS OF REFERENCE,
SCHOOL BOOKS,
SCIENTIFIC
WORKS,
etc.

Very Fine "Cable Co." TOBACCO,
"Empress of India," and
Best "Navy" in Sticks.

CIGARS,
CAVITE,
PRINCESSA,
FORTIN, and
MELISH.

CHOCOOTS, CAVITE, and PRINCESSA.

SHIPS' STORES of every Description,
Hemp, and COTTON CANVAS.

RUSSIAN, MANILA, and WIRE ROPE,
SAIL-MAKING, and RIGGING promptly
executed.

Hongkong, May 10, 1880.

Mails.



MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE
AND INLAND SEA.

THE S. S. SUMIDA MARU, Captain
HUMMER, due here on or about the
7th June, will be despatched at Day-
light.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at
the Office up to 6 p.m. of 11th June.

No Bill of Lading signed under \$2
Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board
before delivery is taken, otherwise they
will not be recognized.

RAVES OF PASSAGE.

To KOBE..... Cable \$60. Steerage \$15.

YOKOHAMA & NAGOYAKI Do. \$70. Do. 20.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN CARRI-
PASAGES.

CARGO and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail
Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the
Company's OFFICES, No. 50A, Queen's
ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, May 31, 1880. jol2

Insurances.

YANGTSE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000

PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 263,268

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-
CUMULATIONS, 8th April, 1880.....Tls. 919,268

APRIL, 1880.....

Directors.

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

W. M. BOYD, Esq. | W. M. MEYERSON, Esq.

J. H. PINCKEY, Esq. | F. D. HITCH, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH :

Messrs BARING BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,

8, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12% for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits
of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are an-
nually distributed among all Contributors
of Business in proportion to the Prema-
paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 11, 1880. 10c80

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £100,000

Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000

Annual Income £250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurance at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein,
on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposed Life Assurances will be re-
quested, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1,000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of

His Majesty King George The First,

A. D. 1720.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOETS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,

ADM, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;

ALSO,

PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA,
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON MONDAY, the 21st day of June, 1880,
at Noon, the Company's
S. S. SINDH, Commandant Moxon,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above place.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m. of the 30th June.

PARCELS will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.

Consular Invoices to accompany Over-
land, Mexican, Central and South American
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's
Office, addressed to the Collector of Cus-
toms, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMOY, Agent.

Hongkong, June 1, 1880. jpl1

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "SUMIDA MARU," FROM
KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Vessel are hereby requested to send in
their Bills of Lading for counter-signature,
and the immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or re-
maining on board after TUESDAY, the
8th instant, will be landed and stored at
Consignee's expense and risk.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

MITSU BISHI MAIL S. S. Co.

60A, Queen's Road Central,

Hongkong, June 5, 1880. jol2

STEAMSHIP "YANGTSE."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship
YANGTSE, from London, in connection
with the above Steamer, are hereby
informed that their Goods are being
landed and stored at their risk at the Com-
pany's Godowns, whence delivery may be
obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless Indemnity is received from the Com-
signee, before 4 o'clock p.m. To-day,
requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after SATUR-
DAY, the 12th Inst., at Noon, will be sub-
ject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875. jol2

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

THE CHINA MAIL.

Company, as such Manager as aforesaid, and to deprive him of the emoluments arising from the said office, that defendant did, to wit on the 23rd day of March A.D. 1880, unlawfully, wickedly and maliciously write and publish and cause and procure to be written and published in the form of a letter to the said William Jackson, a certain false, wicked and malicious defamatory libel of and concerning the said Horace Harrington Nelson and of and concerning him in his said office and of his conduct and character in relation thereto according to the tenor and effect following, that is to say:—

"8, Pedder's Hill,
Hongkong, Mar. 29, 1880.
"William Jackson, Esq.,
"Assistant Chief Manager,
"Secretary, &c., &c.,
"Chartered Mercantile Bank
of India, &c., &c."

"Sir—I have awaited your arrival to bring to your notice, for the information of the board of Directors of London, the conduct of your manager here, Mr. Nelson" (meaning, said Horace Harrington Nelson) "who, without any provocation or other than proper, at a meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, on the 23rd ultimo, to indulge in a false and slanderous attack upon me, coupled with some impudent remarks about His Excellency the Governor of the Colony" (meaning His Excellency Sir John Pope Hennessy, K.C.M.G., &c., the present Governor of Hongkong).

"Not only do the expressions that I made use of warrant the above description of them" (meaning thereby that they were false, slanderous and impudent) "but they were uttered with an evident animus, to which friends of mine, who were present, are ready to testify."

"Mr. Nelson is a member of the Chamber of Commerce in virtue only of his office as local Manager of the Chartered Mercantile Bank. He is not the Chamber's referee directly upon the Bank; and it is thus the clear right and duty of the Directors to protect themselves against the discredit resulting from such conduct as that of Mr. Nelson."

"I think it right also that you should be made aware that Mr. Nelson, (again in virtue of his office as your representative) has long carried on a bitter, active, and ceaseless opposition to the Governor of the Colony" (meaning His Excellency the said Sir John Pope Hennessy). "I cannot believe that such a policy is in keeping with the traditions of your Bank, but even if it were, nothing could justify his gibe in a public association" (meaning the said Chamber of Commerce) "about the friendship with which His Excellency the Governor has honoured me for the last fifteen years" (meaning that His Excellency Sir John Pope Hennessy has honoured the said John Pitman with his friendship for the last fifteen years).

"Further, it would suggest that, having regard to Mr. Nelson's public position as one of yours, of some enquiry should be made into the circumstances under which he became possessed of a transfer of certain shares from the late Mr. Weston on the eve of his (Mr. H.'s) embarrassments about a year ago" (thereby meaning that the said Horace Harrington Nelson had so corruptly dishonestly or otherwise unproperly obtained a transfer of certain shares from one Alexander McGlashan Weston, who had formerly carried on business as a share broker in Hongkong, had become embarrassed in his affairs about a year before the said letter was written and had died before the date of the said letter, that his public position as such manager as aforesaid had been injuriously affected.)

"It may indeed be doubted whether Mr. Nelson as a regular trafficker in shares and other concerns is able to devote that undivided attention to the interests of the Bank which its shareholders expect, and whether such co-operation is within the legitimate sphere of a Manager of a Chartered Bank" (thereby meaning that the said Horace Harrington Nelson had so corruptly dishonestly or otherwise unproperly obtained a transfer of certain shares from one Alexander McGlashan Weston, who had formerly carried on business as a share broker in Hongkong, had become embarrassed in his affairs about a year before the said letter was written and had died before the date of the said letter, that his public position as such manager as aforesaid had been injuriously affected.)

"I should not have been disposed to trouble myself or you about Mr. Nelson and his affairs had it not been for his impudent public attack upon me at the meeting referred to, for which neither his relations to myself nor any transaction I have ever had with the Bank had given him the slightest pretext or justification."

"Under the circumstances I have no alternative but to lay this complaint before you."

"I trust you will at once give it the attention it demands and spare me the necessity of taking other means for bringing it to the notice of your directors."

"I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
John Pitman."

To the great scandal and indignation of the said Horace Harrington Nelson, to the evil example of all others in like cases offending, and against the peace of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her Crown and Dignity.

Upon this arrangement the defendant had on a previous day pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Hayllar referred, in opening, to the great interest, possibly excitement, the case had created out of doors, and asked the jury to dismiss that entirely from their minds, to give the case a calm, patient, and patient hearing. He made no mention, and explained that the object of redress open to a man who believed himself injuriously affected by another in writing. He could either come before a jury claiming damages for the injuries sustained, or he might take this more public mode of procedure under a certain ordinance we have in this Colony. The reasons he had for taking this course would be found in the document alleged to be the libel which his "unworthy public act" was referred to his "persistent hostile opposition to the Governor" and so on. It was an extremely grave question that was now to be laid before them—namely whether a man was to be tried in public life according to his solemn convictions, whatever they might be without having his character assailed. That was a solemn question which came home to all of them. That was the question involved in the case that lay within the four corners of this document. Mr. Nelson's public proceedings, his private actions and their dealing with the instruments they were used to effect a portion of his letter was concerned, and in the course of his argument he said, when he had got through with his opening, that he had no objection whatever to what he had said, and that he would agree with him that were they true then Mr. Nelson was unfit for the responsible post he held.

The learned Counsel then went into the distinction between libel and libel, and describing the classes of libel to prove that this libel was one which properly formed the basis of the more public prosecution. He referred to the official report of the speech was put in by Mr. Francis.

The point reserved by his Lordship as Mr. Francis requested as to whether the question should have been allowed; other points on which there was considerable discussion.

The Chamber report containing the official report of the speech was put in by Mr. Francis.

The cross-examining Counsel was not allowed to ask certain questions as to the meaning of certain phrases in the speech, a point on which there was considerable discussion.

The learned Counsel then adjourned for the examination of the same nature was allowed.

Mr. Brown proved Mr. Pitman's signature.

The Court then adjourned for fifteen minutes.

After fifteen the depositions of the evid-

ence and position in the Colony, was mentioned twice in his letter, the reported friend for 15 years of the Governor of this Colony. The word of such a man would naturally be accepted. The other suggested enquiry into certain matters. Now by pleading the trouble of the libel in this case the fullest enquiry could have been made. That is the position, Mr. Nelson invited. But no advantage was taken of it. The defendant did not come forward and explain what he meant by the suggestions of "improper dealing by which he had sought to annihilate Mr. Nelson, but lodged a plea which effectively prevented the truth of the libel being a subject matter for the consideration of the jury. The whole question for the jury practically was to say whether that document was a libel or not; the Judge would explain the law on the subject to them. The question might be introduced, no doubt would be, whether this letter was written on a privileged occasion. His Lordship would direct them on that point. To assist them at the outset, Mr. Hayllar read the following passage from Sir Francis' libel:—

"There exist an important and numerous class of cases, in which the law, consulting the general convenience and the exigencies of society, extends a qualified protection dependent on the question, whether the party has acted *bona fide* or on an occasion recognised by the law, and has merely the occasion at a colour and pretext for doing mischief. This most important distinction arises, on principles of public policy, already adverted to in discussing the ground of civil liability, and extends to all public acts made in the fair discharge of any public or private legal or moral duty, such as the ordinary exigencies of society, or the party's own private interest, require the performance. This principle seems to comprehend all publications on subjects of general and public concern, in which the author possesses an interest in common with the rest of the community. Every one, as it seems, has a right to publish what which, in his opinion, will tend to enlighten, instruct, or even amuse mankind; he who attains his object may justly be regarded as benefactor to society, he who fails is not amenable as a criminal, however erroneous his views may be, unless it plainly appears that his real object was not to improve or benefit mankind, but to produce public mischief and disorder by alienating men's minds from their public or private duties, by base or unworthy means, by destroying their religious faith, corrupting their morals, or inciting them to acts of sedition, tumult, and outrage, or to some other violation of the peace."

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